

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

WEEKLY BUDGET OF WHITNEY VERMIES

QUEER SPECIMEN OF SNAKE CAPTURED.

Tom Crandall, of Great Bend, Has a Tussle with an Eagle—News of Interest to the Railroads—Poetical Points—Untimely End of Joe Martin's Angora Goat—Paragraphs Harvested About the County.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Sept. 4.—Farmer Westcott, of Sherman, recently succeeded in capturing a snake, or a pair of snakes, hitched together like the Siamese twins. The snakes have two heads and two tails, and the rest of their body is like that of a single snake, with the exception of a slight depression above and below, extending the entire length. The bodies join about six inches from the head. The tails are each almost a foot long. The length of the joined body is two feet nine inches.

The twins were first seen last summer crossing the road between the house of Mr. Westcott and the barn. When Mr. Westcott ran across them when blasting a rock and succeeded in taking it captive. The two snakes are jet black, with a yellow ring just behind the head. Both mouths eat, and in traveling seem to be of the same mind about everything.

MATTERS AND THINGS.

The sausage soon will ripen. The popcorn will be ready, and Christmas things will be on the shelves.

Sign hot for merry autumn. When the hot sun is gone, and the autumn is here, and the windows of the shop.

For now no merry blackbird. Upon the rose tree tops, and autumn, golden autumn, serenely up and so on.

When two men start out with the understanding of each other to get full, they decorate the town with ill-considered work.

Some of the men who are anxious for a revelation as to theater hats might do good work towards a reform in theater breaths.

The ardent hunter is dead. This should be the dry goods trade at Lake City as far as crepe veils for widows are concerned.

A TUSSE WITH AN EAGLE.

Tom Crandall, of Great Bend township, had a lively time with an eagle near Summersville a few days ago. While hunting he fired at an eagle and broke the bird's wing, but did not otherwise injure it. Expecting to make an easy capture of his prize, he went forward. To his surprise the eagle flew at his face, and had he not warded it off with his arm, his eyes would have been put out by the savage bird. As it was, it gripped his arm, and despite his efforts to free himself, he could not shake the eagle off.

It struck Crandall with its sword wing, dug its sharp talons through his clothing into his arm, and used its beak most viciously. He called to another hunter, who came away. He came and killed the bird, and then tried its claws out of the flesh of Crandall's forearm and leg, which were badly lacerated. Crandall's wounds were quite serious. He will carry the scars for many a day.

RAILROAD RACKET.

The Erie's passenger earnings for the first week of August showed an increase of \$3,457 over those of the corresponding week of last year. At present the Erie's passenger traffic is heavy.

The Delaware and Hudson has a large force of men, principally Italians, at work between Lanesboro and Sinevash, reducing the heavy grades between those stations.

Lackawanna trainmen are busy. Erie train, No. 1, on Saturday afternoon was composed of twelve cars, drawn by two locomotives.

The rumor that the Erie will remove its Buffalo car shops to West Susquehanna will not do. The shops give employment to 800 men, and they would be a valuable acquisition to our population.

TO THE POINT.

When all the ballots have been cast. The greatly to be feared. The run power will not be able to last. But Weidley will be steered.

And though the Populists assail. No more errors, far and wide. The plain folks' party will sail up Salt Creek's placid tide.

And Debs, although he ranges through. The land with mouth and hand. Will only be a ghostly apparition. Remain in glory.

But Bill, triumphant and in pride. Resolves as the sea. Up to the White House door will ride— But which bill will it be?

—Unknown Bard.

EXIT THE ANGORA GOAT.

Until Saturday, Joe Martin, of Stevens' Point, had a beautiful Angora goat the gift of a friend in Texas. It was the pet of the neighborhood, who fed it choice morsels of excelsior, broken lamp chimneys, old bed springs and other bric-a-brac. Saturday was a fateful day for the fragrant Angora. Taking a morning stroll on the Erie track, he discovered a torpedo, left there by a trainman as a precautionary signal. This the Angora dislodged from the rail and instantly ate.

Half an hour later the goat entered the yard of a neighbor and forthwith gave battle to the house dog. In the sanguinary struggle, the dog was put here and there. The infuriated lady of the house threw a large stone at the victorious goat and hit him on

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the board side. Instantly there was a terrific explosion. The torpedo had been exploded and the goat was torn into pieces, remnants being hurled hither and yon. Several windows were broken, and the head and horns of the goat flying about, one of them killed it. Joseph greatly desired to bury the goat with honors, but he could not find enough of his pet to make the obsequies half-way respectable. It was a memorable day in Stevens' Point.

IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

The Montrose fair will be held September 18-19.

The annual reunion of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will be held at the home of Orange Baldwin, at Middletown, this county, September 14.

The reunion of Company D, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, will take place at the Armory, in Montrose, September 27.

The Salmon family reunion will be held at the home of Norton Wolcott, in Halstead, September 12.

The descendants of Amos Payne, deceased, will hold a picnic and fish at Loomis lake, in Lenox township, on Wednesday.

The Gunn family reunion will be held in New Milford township tomorrow.

Montrose claims to have the poorest mail facilities in its history. It will take place on Monday, September 18.

Thus far, few candidates are wearing out the turnpikes of the county. It is well. The dear people are getting a needed rest.

THE WAYNE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Ticket Nominated at Honorable by the Harmonious Gathering.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Sept. 4.—The Democratic county convention, held in the court house, was a very harmonious one. At 2:30, Hon. Charles McCarthy, county chairman, called the convention to order. He spoke a word of encouragement and referred to the wonderful achievements of the party at the last campaign and exhorted the members to be steadfast. He appointed as temporary secretaries James Moylan and Matthew Leonard, and Charles Dodge as reading secretary. After the roll call of delegates, Mr. E. P. Jones was elected permanent chairman, and Messrs. Edward Deitser and Charles Williams vice presidents. The temporary secretaries were made permanent.

The chairman announced that the nomination for congress was in order. Mr. W. G. Gammon, who was present, asked the privilege of making a statement, which was given. He then advised the endorsement of P. B. Packard, the Bradford county nominee. The convention at once endorsed Mr. Packard, with the privilege of nominating his own county.

The following were then placed in nomination for the legislature: Mr. Leopold Furrth, of Honesdale; Mr. J. D. Brennan, of Mt. Pleasant, and Hon. J. H. Thompson, of Hawley. Mr. Furrth was elected on first ballot, and Mr. Brennan on second ballot. For jury commissioner, George Watterson, George M. Dibble and William A. Ethelick were placed in nomination. Mr. Dibble was elected on first ballot.

Resolutions were passed endorsing William J. Ryan, opposing expansion, and condemning M. S. Quay, Congressman. The state and national administrations in general.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.

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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Sept. 4.—On Sunday, the dwelling house, situated in Oakland township, belonging to Tyler Beebe, and occupied by Mr. Beebe and his wife, was destroyed, together with its contents.

Harry G. Leslie, of New York City, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie, Jackson street.

Rev. C. C. Mackay, pastor of the Oakland Congregational church, preached a sermon to the railroad men on Sunday evening.

Rev. R. R. Tower, of Thomson, ably and acceptably conducted the services of the Avenue Methodist church, in Oakland, on Sunday morning.

The United States recruiting station in this place has received 25 recruits. Twenty able-bodied recruits were secured.

The Presbyterian church is arranging for a series of entertainments.

Rev. B. L. Taylor, of Forest City, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening.

Having returned from his vacation, Rev. Charles Henry Norton, pastor of the Methodist church, occupied his pulpit on Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. J. I. Sutcliffe is in Detroit, Mich., called by the serious illness of her mother, Miss Isabella Kittell is in Tiffin, Ohio, where she will pursue a course of medical and other studies at an institute.

The churches of this town are agitating the early-closing question.

E. W. Swain, esq., will attend the United States district court in Williamsport this week.

The horse race held today in Riverside park by the Lanesboro and Montrose clubs was largely attended and a success financially. The parade of the department, headed by the Susquehanna band, was very creditable.

A letter received on Monday from Henry Clemm, late of Oakland, now a United States regular in China, states that Jose Westerville, late of Susquehanna, a member of his regiment, was wounded in the chest at the battle of Tien Tsin, and is recovering. The letter was dated July 16.

The Erie's excursion from Carbondale and Port Jervis and intermediate points, to Ross park, Binghamton, on Monday, was largely attended. Henry Kelly is employed in Scranton, is visiting his family in this place.

HALLSTEAD.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hallstead, Sept. 4.—A reception was tendered to the chair factory employes from Brandt at the Presbyterian church. The affair was under the direction of the Y. P. S. C. E. A programme was rendered, which was very interesting.

There were forty-three periodicals on the reading table at the local R. Y. M. C. A. Judge has been recently added to the list.

Secretary F. J. Holden handed out his monthly report of the Y. M. C. A. The report shows that there were four meetings of the Y. M. C. A. band held during August, average attendance, seven; four family meetings, average attendance, forty-three; four special meetings, average attendance, 100; twenty-two visits to the sick. There were three professed conversions. Receipts were \$195; expenditures, \$134.40; balance in treasury at present time, \$60.60.

An attempt was made during Saturday night between midnight and daylight to burglarize the grocery store of M. T. Hand. The thieves succeeded in removing one of the barrels nailed against the window. A large dog which is left in the store to guard it might have the alarm and frightened the thieves.

H. B. Perry has been hired by the borough council to repair the town well. The well is used extensively by nearly every one. A large stone will be used to seal the well to top it and the masonry will be built several inches above the surface to protect it from surface water.

The water from the well has a reputation throughout the county for its purity and cool temperature. The well was never known to run dry.

County Superintendent C. E. Moxley's house will be occupied by him on Oct. 1. Miss Maggie McDonald and Miss Mary Mullen, of Elmira, are visiting Miss Anna McCarthy at her home here.

Hon. and Mrs. James T. DuBois have returned home, after spending Sunday as the guests of Congressman Galusha A. Grow, at Glenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grunin have returned home after spending a pleasant week with Elmira relatives.

DuBois and Clyde Chase have returned to Easton, after spending the summer with their grandparents, Honesdale, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Crozier of Kingston, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Perry.

Mrs. James Perry is visiting relatives in Susquehanna.

Mrs. C. C. Reed and family and Charles Reed are enjoying an outing at Heart Lake this week.

Calder B. C. Reed has gone to Long Island to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Carpenter have returned from a long sojourn with relatives at different places in Illinois.

Mrs. Charles W. Keeler and son are visiting relatives at their home in Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. DuBois have returned from a week's trip to Page's pond.

Hallstead is experiencing a season of business prosperity.

THOMPSON.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Thompson, Sept. 4.—Last Saturday while E. C. Layton was working on Dr. McNameara's house he lost his balance by the giving away of a toy and fell to the ground, a distance of some ten feet, breaking his right arm near the shoulder.

W. H. H. French, who is attending to the above case, has called a physician, and the doctor found that the arm was broken.

Miss Virginia Carroll, of the township, opened her second term of school at Montdale yesterday.

Miss Maud Carrell returned Saturday from a two months' sojourn at Thousand Islands and has taken up her studies in the school here again.

Mrs. Miles Kenyon, who has spent a couple of weeks with her parents, returned this morning to her home in Lanesboro, N. Y.

Ray Galt returned from a sojourn in Scranton this morning after a short vacation with his parents in Thomson.

Rev. George B. Merrill, wife and two children, of Northampton, Pa., are visiting in this place. Mrs. E. E. Gelatt, on Jefferson street.

The Thompson school opened yesterday with Professor James Tucker, principal, and Miss Cora Layman, of Jersey, in the primary department.

The Rev. W. H. French went yesterday to join his family at Foster lake for a brief sojourn.

TRIBUNE'S EDUCATIONAL CONTEST

The Interest Is Rapidly Increasing.

HOW THE LEADERS STAND

Arthur Kemmerer, of Factoryville, Advances Another Place—Other Contestants Materially Increase Their Points—Banner Day Thus Far.

Labor day seemed to give an opportunity to the canvassers who are working in the Tribune Educational Contest, for yesterday was the banner day of the contest so far, the number of points exceeding those of any previous day. There was another shifting around of the leaders, although not so extensive a nature as that of yesterday.

Arthur Kemmerer, of Factoryville, who has long been No. 1, started in on his third century, as will be seen from this morning's table, and Oliver Callahan, who is No. 2, commenced on his second, making in all three leaders who have now scored over 100 points.

David C. Spencer, who has held fourth place ever since the last of August, with the exception of three days in the middle of the month, this morning drops back into fifth place, his old position being held today by Arthur C. Kemmerer, who has been advancing rapidly since the late of August. Eugene Boland also makes quite a gain this morning on Spencer, being now but eleven points behind him.

Sidney W. Hayes and Miss Grace Simrell, of Carbondale, are tied this morning for ninth place, each with 28 points. David C. Spencer, who has held fourth place ever since the last of August, with the exception of three days in the middle of the month, this morning drops back into fifth place, his old position being held today by Arthur C. Kemmerer, who has been advancing rapidly since the late of August.

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some time, have returned to their home at Bangor Junction, N. J. Archie Hoover, of Binghamton, is visiting his cousin, Lyman Kellum. J. Y. Saunders is seriously ill at this writing. A. Smith has just returned from a trip to the States. Mrs. Fannie Bell has returned home after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Hoover, in Binghamton.

FACTORYVILLE.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Factoryville, Sept. 4.—Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining at the postoffice September 4: Mr. E. C. Knight, Miss Clara Richards (2), Miss Helen Smith and Arthur Wagoner.

Hon. H. M. Barwell, James L. Vase and Spencer D. Hall, all of Tunkhannock, were called here Saturday.

Paulina Rebekah Lodge, No. 88, Independent Order of Old Fellows, will meet at their hall in regular session on Monday.

The borough council will meet tomorrow (Wednesday) evening and grind out what business there has accumulated for two months, as they did not meet last week. Among other things there will be appointed two special policemen, which is made necessary by so much petty thieving and malicious mischief of late.

Professor D. Phillips, forming a class of Lacrosse, arrived in town last Saturday and proceeded to look for living apartments. Professor Rae is the new principal of our graded school for the coming year and will enter upon his duties today.

For the past few days students have been arriving at Keystone Academy until all rooms in the main building are full. This promise to be a banner year for this institution, and the membership will be very large.

General Director George W. Stanton and family, who have been staying up at Lake Kewanna, are again occupying their main street home.

A. D. Kemmerer, who has been so dangerously ill for the past month, is slightly better, but is still in a very bad shape.

An account of the Gardner family reunion was published in Monday's edition of the Tribune. Copies can be obtained from the newsboy.

Mrs. David Goodwin, who has been ill for a long time, passed quietly away Monday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of A. D. Gardner in Carpenter Hollow. She is survived by a husband and several children. The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Evergreen cemetery.

Other Northeastern Pennsylvania News Will be Found on Page 7.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this becomes inflamed, it causes the drum to become fixed, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. It is not a local, but a general condition, and it is not a local, but a general condition, and it is not a local, but a general condition.

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THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Sept. 4.—The fever in American stock markets, which has been undergoing a process of careful nursing for several weeks broke today as it is not unusual on the eve of dividend on this stock. For several weeks there was extensive buying of Sugar stock, but the manipulation to advance the price which accompanied the buying, annoyed the suspicious of the expert professional. When the stock began to drop the professional congratulated themselves upon their foresight and became operators on the side of the Sugar. The apparent liquidation of the long stock and the consequent drop in price, however, continued even this morning until the directors went into session about which time the stock touched the low point of 117 1/2. After the adjournment of the directors at 12:30 o'clock there was a rumor that the directors had determined to put the stock on an annual dividend basis of 2 per cent. today. No official announcement of the directors' action could be obtained, the prevailing belief being that the directors would not have taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for good. The case of the deafness caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube.

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Standing of the Ten Leading Contestants

- 1. Charles Rodriguez, 428 Webster ave., Scranton 208
2. David V. Birtley, 103 West Market street, Westfield 113
3. Oliver Callahan, 415 Vine street, Scranton 103
4. Arthur Kemmerer, Factoryville 67
5. David C. Spencer, Bloomsburg, Pa. 58
6. Eugene Boland, 235 Walnut street, Dunmore 47
7. Harry Reese, 331 Evans court, Hyde Park 37
8. Miss Fannie E. Williams, Peckville 33
9. Miss Grace Simrell, Carbondale 28
10. Sidney W. Hayes, 922 Elm street, Scranton 28

WYALUSING.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wyalusing, Sept. 4.—Miss Maud A. Wells, only daughter of Major Levi Wells, died Wednesday evening at her home in Wyalusing. Maud was a popular and lovable girl and leaves many friends to mourn her early death.

During a severe thunder storm at this place Monday evening the Second Presbyterian church, at East Wyalusing, was struck with lightning on the steeple and burned to the ground. This church was built in 1854. Several buildings were also burned, and it is more than likely that some of them may find their way into the ranks of the ten leading contestants before many days pass. There is room for more new members in this competition and it would be well for any ambitious young person, irrespective of sex, to enter into this work now while they have ample opportunity to get results that will count. The manifold advantages of taking up the work have been dwelt upon frequently, but for the benefit of those who have not been hearing of the contest or who are considering entering, we print the full details in this morning's Tribune, on the fourth page.

AVOCA.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. Annoda McKeen this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock.

Miss Louise Madison, of Scranton, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Phillips.

An unusually large number of people responded to a call of the school bell in all the buildings yesterday. Professor C. F. Hoban, accompanied by two teachers and a host of pupils, visited all the rooms and made the necessary promotions. Each teacher and janitor was furnished with a card on which were printed rules and regulations governing principal, teachers and janitors.

Mrs. Frank Advertiser and nephew, James Maloney, of Newport News, Va., are spending a few weeks at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McKee.

The family of David Davis, of York avenue, has returned after a month's stay at Harvey's lake.

Mrs. D. C. Morton and daughter, Ruth, are at Atlantic City.

Alex McCormick, of Main street, is seriously ill.

M. C. King, F. S. Clarke, P. F. McCully, E. Gilroy and W. A. Jennings and W. A. Jennings left yesterday to resume their studies at the Mansfield Normal